

SENATE BILL 20

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-209, relative to presumptive disabilities in acquiring certain infectious diseases in the line of duty by emergency rescue workers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-209(a)(1)(B), is amended by adding the language “and hepatitis C virus” immediately after the language “human immunodeficiency virus” wherever that language appears in the subdivision.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-209(a)(4), is amended by adding the language “and hepatitis C virus” immediately after the language “human immunodeficiency virus” in the subdivision.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-209(b)(2), is amended by adding the language “or hepatitis C virus” immediately after the language “human immunodeficiency virus” wherever that language appears in the subdivision.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-209(f), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting instead the following:

(2)

(A) On or after July 1, 2012, an emergency rescue worker may be required to undergo a preemployment physical examination that tests for any evidence of human immunodeficiency virus. In order to be entitled to the presumption established by this section, the test shall be negative for evidence of human immunodeficiency virus.

(B) On or after July 1, 2015, an emergency rescue worker may be required to undergo a preemployment physical examination that tests for any

evidence of infectious disease. In order to be entitled to the presumption established by this section, the test shall be negative for evidence of infectious disease.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.